The most Humble ADDRESS *of the* French Refugees *for* Religion *in* Ireland, *to His Excellency the Earl of* Wharton, *Lord Lieutenant General, and General Governour of this Kingdom, to crave the Assistance of His good Offices, and Protection with Her Majesty, in Favour of the Protestants of* France.

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May it please your Excellency,

THE French Refugees in this Kingdom, having been favourably heard when they begg'd the Honour of your Protection for themselves, hope now for an Audience still more favourable from your *Excellency*, when they speak in behalf of above One Million of their Brethren, who being detained in *France* by an unjust Oppression, have nothing in their Wishes, but to enjoy the *Freedom of the Children of* GOD.

To whom might we apply our selves that should enter into these Sentiments more feelingly than your *Excellency*, than whom none has set a better Pattern of Zeal and Affection, owing to *Protestants*, and *Countrymen*, who sink under Persecution.

You are, my Lord, one of those magnanimous Heroes, who running all Hazards, and exposing themselves to Disgrace, to the Forfeiture of Estates, Honours, and Life it self; in a Word, to the most Tragical Fate, in order to serve their Country, prov'd happy Instruments in the Hands of Providence, to *save a Nation which Heaven destin'd to deliver all other Nations.*

It seem'd as if GOD rais'd *Great Britain* from the Dead to *Glory*; since we have seen those Victories and Triumphs, that have confounded those who meditated its Ruin, spring as it were, from its Grave: So that one might be tempted to say, That the *Revolution was the Image of the ultimate Resurrection.*

Nor can it be doubted, when we consider the still more happy consequences of that Event: Neither is it hyperbolical to say, That those Generous Asserters of the Rights and Liberties of their Country, obtain'd even then the Victories our Arms gain at this Time, since they laid the Foundation of our present Prosperity and Glory.

My Lord, Have We not Reason to hope, that those astonishing Successes, or rather Miracles of GOD Almighty's Protection, to which the World will owe its Repose, will likewise have some Influence towards the Comfort of the *Afflicted Church*? It were a Crime even to doubt it.

The Piety of our AUGUST QUEEN, our Glorious, Invincible *Deborah*, that Gracious, Firm, and Generous Soul, chosen by GOD for the comfort of his Children, and the blessed Organ of his Mercies, give us a full Confidence.

What may We not expect from Him, who so gloriously serves Her both in the Cabinet, and at the Head of Her Armies? From a Council so well-affected? And from the other Great Council of the Nation: Or, One may say, of the Christian World: Those illustrious Parliaments. I mean, whose wise Resolutions seem to proceed from Divine Inspiration; insomuch, that whoever considers their firm Integrity, and unmoveable Uprightness, would be apt to think that 'tis the Voice of GOD speaking through humane Organs? What may We not hope from the general Disposition of a People so jealous of the Rights of Conscience, and so zealous for our holy Religion, and the Cause of JESUS CHRIST? And from a Nobility no less *Religious* than *Magnanimous*?

This *Zeal*, *Piety* and *Virtues*, which derive from God, and can derive from him alone, are *sure Pledges* to us, That GOD has mark'd out *this Juncture*, wherein we are in a Condition to *dictate Laws to our Enemies*, to hear the Prayers we have, for many Years, put up to him, and that the *PEACE of* Sion *will not be divided from that of* Europe, *as it has unhappily been hitherto.*

These, *my Lord*, are our ardent Wishes, not only for the *Desolate Church of* France, which GOD will not fail to comfort in due Season *altho' she were abandon'd by all the Earth*: But also for *this Nation*, on which Heaven casts daily a more favourable Eye, and which would be *in vain Flourishing, unprofitably Victorious, if it were possible she should forget* GOD, *upon an Occasion so important to his Glory.*

We believe, *my Lord*, we hope we may speak it with a *Christian Liberty*, we believe our *best Wishes* for *Great-Britain*, our *New and Dear Country*, are wound up in this ardent Desire, *That she may principally seek the Kingdom of* GOD *and its Justice*; *and that Consulting him who is Truth it self, she may make this* fundamental Maxim *of* Religion, *the* surest Standard of her Politicks.

This is likewise the Wish we make for your *Excellency*; And being perswaded that, with Relation to your *Excellency*, as to the State, this comprehends all the rest, we beseech GOD, who holds your Heart in his Hand, That he may be pleased to dispose you to protect, with the QUEEN, that *numerous World of afflicted*, who have *no other Recommendation* with her Majesty, but *their Desolation, Blood* and *Tears*: A Recommendation *weak in Appearance*; but *powerfull in Deed*, since 'tis that of our *Saviour*, JESUS CHRIST, who is as much the *Lord of the Afflicted*, as the *Lord of Hosts.*

May *Providence*, ever-adorable in its Ways, which chose you to be one of her Instruments, to disarm and suppress *Popery* in *England*, *grant you to contribute*, with your generous Counsels and sincere Endeavours, *towards wresting from Popery our poor Brethren of* France, *those Victims of Superstition, which are* led, *or rather* dragg'd *to the Temple of* the Idol.

Heaven and Earth will rejoice upon their Deliverance, and applaud the Success of so holy an Undertaking. They will come themselves, those poor desolate Christians, into *this happy Country, this Seat of Liberty*, when they shall be no longer detain'd in their *Native Land*, which is *their Prison*, or rather, when *their Graves being open'd*, they will be suffer'd to enjoy *the Fair Sun of Prosperity that lights us.* They will come and offer up to GOD, both for you and their other *Generous Protectors*, their incessant Prayers and Wishes, which, *dovbt it not*, will reach the Throne of the Almighty, and draw down, on your Person and illustrious Family, his Temporal and Spiritual Blessings.

May these Blessings ever attend your *Excellency*, for whose Preservation and Prosperity We are continually praying, as well as for the *Success of your Administration*, which is already *so Grateful to the Good*, and which We wish may prove the most *Just*, *Prosperous, and Glorious, this Kingdom was ever blest withall.*